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REMARKS

Claims 34-38, 40, 41, 43, and 44 are pending. Claims 34, 37, and 40 have been amended. Claim 45 has been incorporated into claim 40. Claims 45, 46, 48, and 49 have been canceled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone conversation on November 7, 2005, in which the current amendments were discussed. Pursuant to the discussion and the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims in the application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is needed to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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